

Building," the measure expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the month of April should be designated as "Financial Literacy for Youth Month" and the measure to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the "Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building."

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Vote No. 109, "aye" on rollcall Vote No. 110 and "aye" on rollcall Vote No. 111.

HONORING THE MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Senior Center of Montrose, Colorado on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary. Since 1973, the Senior Center has provided a place for seniors to gather, share a hot meal, and participate in a variety of group activities. The center plays a pivotal role in the Montrose community, and today I would like to celebrate its anniversary before this body of Congress and this nation.

The Senior Center has grown and changed over the thirty years since it first offered a Valentine's Day bingo game, finally establishing a permanent meeting place in 1990 with the opening of the Montrose Pavilion. The center's meal program has steadily grown, now serving an average of 139 meals at the center and delivering seventy-two more to homebound seniors every day. The senior recreation department offers about twenty-five classes a week, introducing seniors to computers, yoga, and oil painting and offering events such as lectures and sporting tournaments for over 1,500 participants a month. In a rural community like Montrose, the senior center provides an important focal point for enhancing the lives of senior citizens, both physically and mentally.

Mr. Speaker, the Montrose Senior Center has been providing many services crucial to the local senior community for thirty years and it shows no signs of slowing down. Its longevity is admirable—a credit to its members and the surrounding community. Today I would like to congratulate the Senior Center of Montrose for its outreach to the senior citizen community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was absent for votes on Monday, April 7, 2003, as a result of a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have cast my votes as follows: Rollcall vote No. 111: "aye"; rollcall vote No. 110: "aye"; and rollcall vote No. 109: "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 7th, I missed rollcall votes 109, 110 and 111, due to a flight delay. If I had been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 109, "yea" on rollcall No. 110 and "yea" on rollcall No. 111.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on April 7, 2003, I was unavoidably detained at a leadership meeting and missed the vote on rollcall No. 109 on H.R. 1055, the Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building Designation Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted, "yes."

TRIBUTE TO THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Lucas County, Ohio will celebrate Public Health Week April 7–13, 2003. I am pleased to recognize the efforts of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and its Public Health Planning Committee in its efforts to promote health education for the citizenry of our region.

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department provides a wide array of services, including immunizations, AIDS/HIV counseling and testing, specialty health clinics, wellness programs, outreach, and advocacy. It is the local agency responsible for ensuring safe water and air, environmental services, food protection, animal control, and health assessments of the people in Lucas County. Its staff, administration, and volunteers are committed to public service, and deeply dedicated to the promotion of public health and wellness.

Celebrated in 46 states, Public Health Week is a coordinated effort to utilize the resources of the systems of public health to educate people about a wide array of issues. This year's effort focuses on weight and obesity. With two-thirds of adults overweight, and the number of overweight children tripling in twenty years, Public Health Week 2003 urges Americans to "shape up their future."

HONORING DEE CRANE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dee Crane

for her exemplary service to the Mesa County Valley School District in Colorado. Dee has been an educator for forty-two years and today I would like to honor her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Dee began teaching at Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary School before serving as Assistant Principal at Appleton, Pomona, and Lincoln Park Elementary Schools. She became principal at Taylor Elementary School in 1971 after two years as the district's Administrative Supervisor of Elementary Education. Since then, Dee has earned a reputation as an innovative and effective educator, consistently implementing new teaching methods and helping her students to achieve high scores on assessment tests.

Dee also recognizes the critical role of parental and community involvement in a child's education, and works with the local PTA to organize volunteer programs at Taylor. As principal, Dee plays a very active role in the lives of her students and faculty, spending her days in classrooms and on the playground rather than in the principal's office. For her efforts, Dee has earned numerous community honors, most recently named a Woman of Distinction by the Grand Junction American Business Women's Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Dee Crane for her service to Mesa County Valley School District and to elementary education in Western Colorado. Dee is a guiding force in the lives of her young students and a dedicated leader of Taylor Elementary School. It is my great privilege to honor her today, and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ERIC SCOTT RUSSELL

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great American youth, Eric Scott Russell. Eric Scott Russell was born on May 1, 1985 to Julie and Darryl Russell.

The family is a member of St. Dominic parish where Eric attended elementary school. His academic learning was broadened with his attendance at University School, St. Ignatius High School and Charles Rush, where he was to graduate June 2003. In addition to his schooling, Eric was an exceptional athlete in cross country track and field and football.

Eric had a desire to have a career in journalism. As a result of his diligence and hard work, the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Cleveland National Association of Black Journalists selected Eric to participate in a seven-week internship and seminar, where he was honored as "the most knowledgeable on current events".

At his home going services, I read Eric Scott Russell's college entrance essay entitled, "Overcoming Adversity". It read:

Many people say that the adversity we face in life can either make us or break us. Well, it all depends on the way that you look at obstacles, placed in your path, and what you learn as a result of going through them. I have learned the true relevance of this for myself because of recent adversity that I have faced. This adversity has taught me